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Transform
lives,
change
the
world.

OUR VISION OF HOPE.



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Hope Transformed



Marisol Suarez is not the person she used to be.

She had her first child when she was just 15. The second child was born when Marisol was 16. By then, she was living with her 17-year-old boyfriend and the couple was involved in drugs and alcohol. Then one night, he became angry and kicked her out.

Left homeless, she slept in her car with her babies and was forced to go to work without a change of clothes and nothing for her children.

That's when Marisol prayed a prayer of hope. But things got worse before they got better.

Eventually, Marisol found her way to a women's shelter and in November 2011, she moved into Buckner Family Place.

Today, she is studying for a degree in Christian leadership and following a call to ministry. She is active in her church and confident in her future.

What Marisol wanted from Buckner was hope. What she found was transformation.

Marisol represents thousands of lives you will see in this 2012 Buckner Annual Report. The pages of this report are filled with numbers and statistics. But keep in mind that inside each number are lives – lives touched, lives impacted, lives transformed by the work of Buckner.

A life transformed is a life that is being remolded and remade, so that life here on earth clearly exhibits signs of what God intended when He created us.

In The Message version of the Bible, the idea of "transformation" is found in Romans 12:2. "Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on

God. You'll be changed from the inside out."

For so many people served by Buckner, like Marisol, that's exactly their story. Somewhere along their journey, they became adjusted to a culture of abuse, poverty, neglect, despair and a myriad of other negatives. But when they came into contact with the ministries of Buckner, we helped them think about their lives in a new way. And we helped them "fix their attention on God." The result is a life "changed from the inside out." Transformation.

Yet, before there is transformation, there is hope. It starts there. Hope is the happy anticipation of good; it's unseen and not yet. But you know it's possible. And that thread of anticipation – that sliver of hope is just enough for countless people we serve.

At Buckner, we see that hope transformed into reality every day. It happens in the lives of infants, children, adolescents, families and elders. There is no limit to hope and no restriction on transformation.

So as you look through this 2012 Annual Report, think about Marisol Suarez and her precious children. And remember that at Buckner International, our vision of hope is to see lives transformed and in so doing, we are changing our world.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Albert Reyes". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Our mission

Buckner International
transforms the lives
of vulnerable children,
enriches the lives
of senior adults,
and builds strong
families through
Christ-centered values.



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I am Buckner. And I am answering the call.

I am compassionate.
Devoted.
Trustworthy.
Joyful.

I am more than 130 years
Of Faith in action,
Hope at work,
And Love borne out.

I am answering the call.

I am a humble servant
of a loving God
Who created me for a purpose
and filled me with a passion:
To help the helpless
To defend the defenseless
and to love the unloved.
Just as He did.
This work is my ministry.

This world is my mission field.
And this life is my testimony.

I am answering the call.

I am a need met.
A prayer answered.
A life redeemed.
I am an orphan, welcomed
in with open arms.
A senior adult, given the
gift of dignity.
An adoptive mother, introduced
to her new son.
I am a child's joyful tears.
A widower's renewed strength.
A foster child's whispered
"thank you."
I am a donor's grace,
A founder's conviction,

And a Savior's mercy
Delivered every day
To a world in need.

I am answering the call.

I am ready, willing, and able.
Wherever there is need,
I will go.

Whatever it takes, I will do.

Whomever I can,
I will serve.

With all my heart

With all my soul

With all my mind

And with all my strength.

I am Buckner.

**And I am answering
the call.**

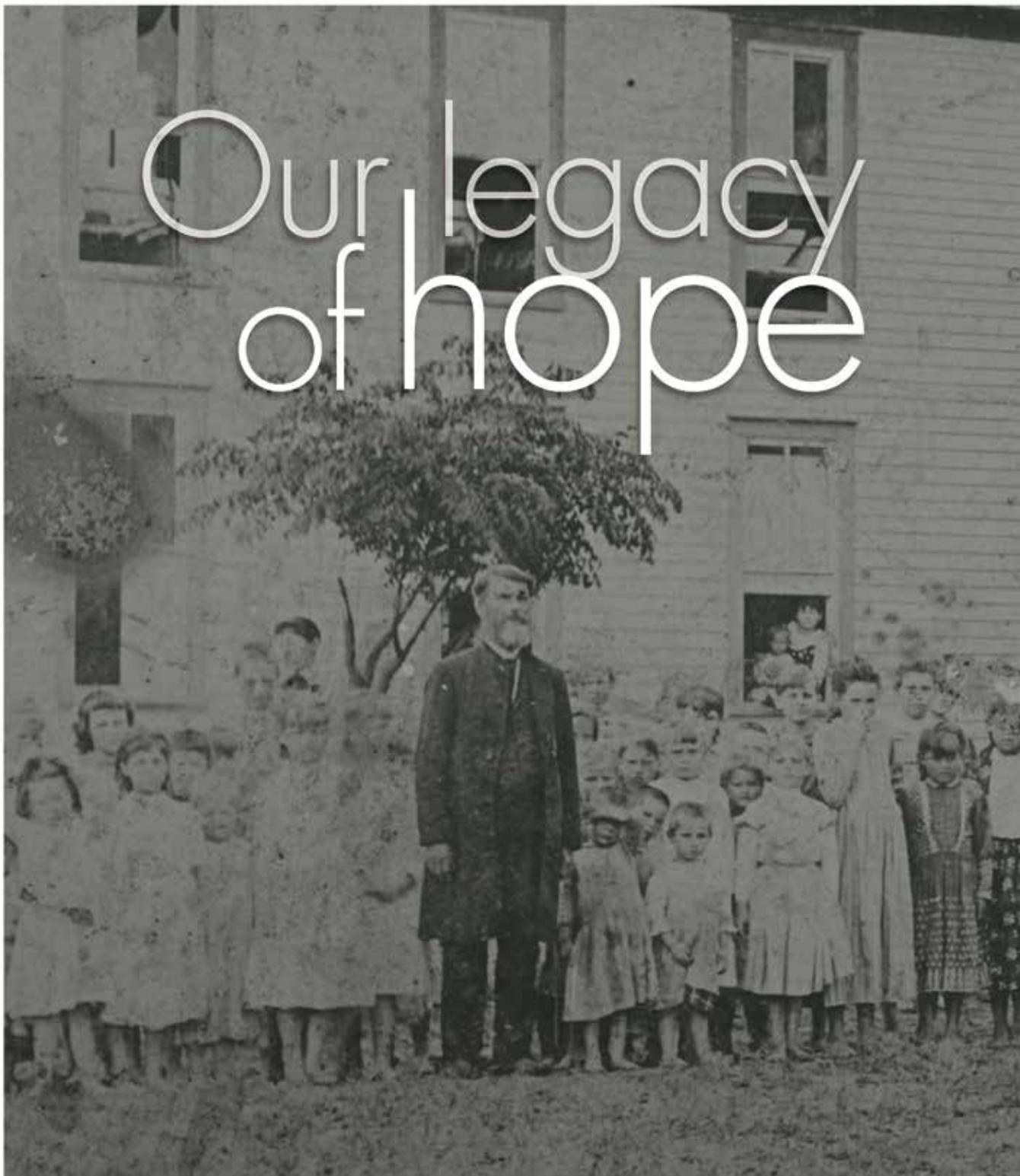


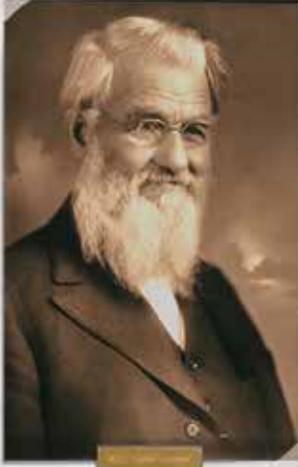
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Our legacy of hope





*Jan 1879,
Dr. Robert Cooke "Father" Buckner*

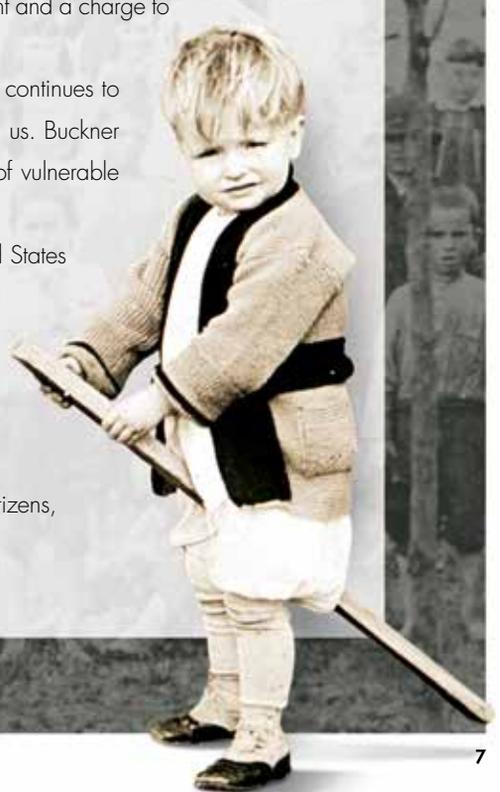
founded Buckner Orphans Home in Dallas after seeing the needs of hurting and orphaned children in post-Civil War Texas. In the first years, Buckner Orphans Home was filled with children left parentless due to disease and hardship.

It was Father Buckner's deep compassion for the hopeless and helpless that served as the driving force behind his ministry. He constantly looked for innovative ways to deliver social ministries, including those to elders, combining his theological beliefs with a progressive social conscience.

James 1:27 became the ministry's guiding verse: "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress." As needs changed over the years, so did the ministry. In 1995, Buckner moved toward a more global footprint and a charge to protect, preserve and provide for families.

Today, the ministry has diversified into many different programs, but continues to carry out "Father" Buckner's vision to care for the least of these among us. Buckner International has always been a movement for transforming the lives of vulnerable children, families and elders through faith-based ministry.

Buckner serves more than 450,000 people each year in the United States and around the world through more than 50 unique programs designed to transform the whole person – physically, mentally and spiritually. In all of its programs, Buckner seeks to partner with organizations and individuals to ensure self-sustainability. We do not start new programs where others are already doing good work, but we collaborate and improve upon existing structures, working with local citizens, organizations and governments domestically and internationally.



Our focus

With more than 50 unique services, Buckner transforms lives and changes the world in diverse, effective, meaningful ways. But we excel in four core areas, services that often were designed and pioneered by us to bring the most impact – both physical and spiritual – to those who most need it. **These four key ministry areas include:**

- 1. Foster Care and Adoption**
Providing foster and adoptive families for abused, abandoned or neglected children.



2. Family Transition Programs

Protecting families from disintegration, helping them stay together by providing single mothers seeking higher education with affordable housing and support.



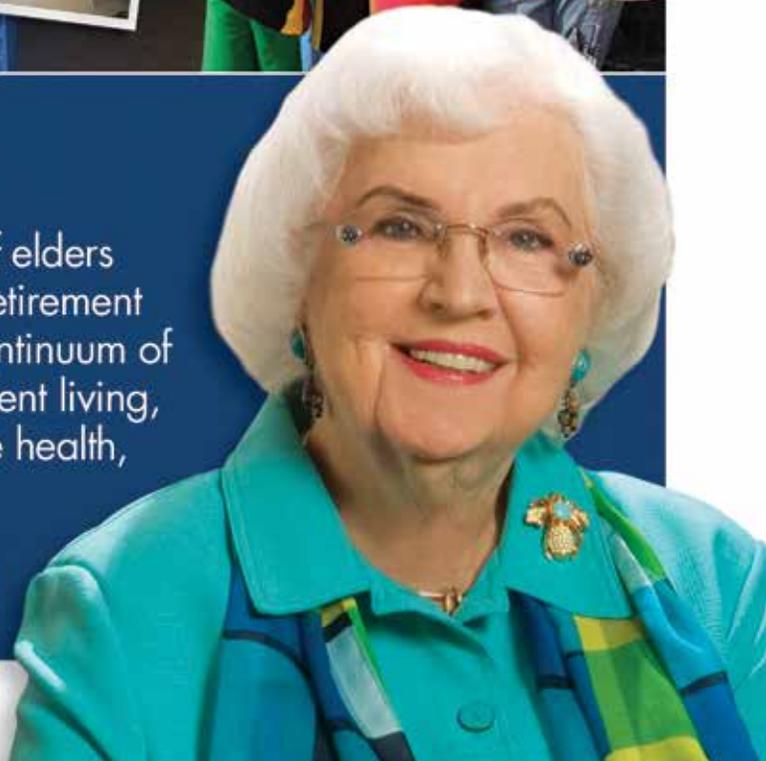
3. Community Transformation Centers

Preserving families by providing them with critical social services and aid to keep them strong.



4. Buckner Senior Living

Enriching the lives of elders through our continuing care retirement communities, providing a continuum of services including independent living, assisted living, nursing, home health, hospice, personal assistance services and dementia care.



Our
ministries



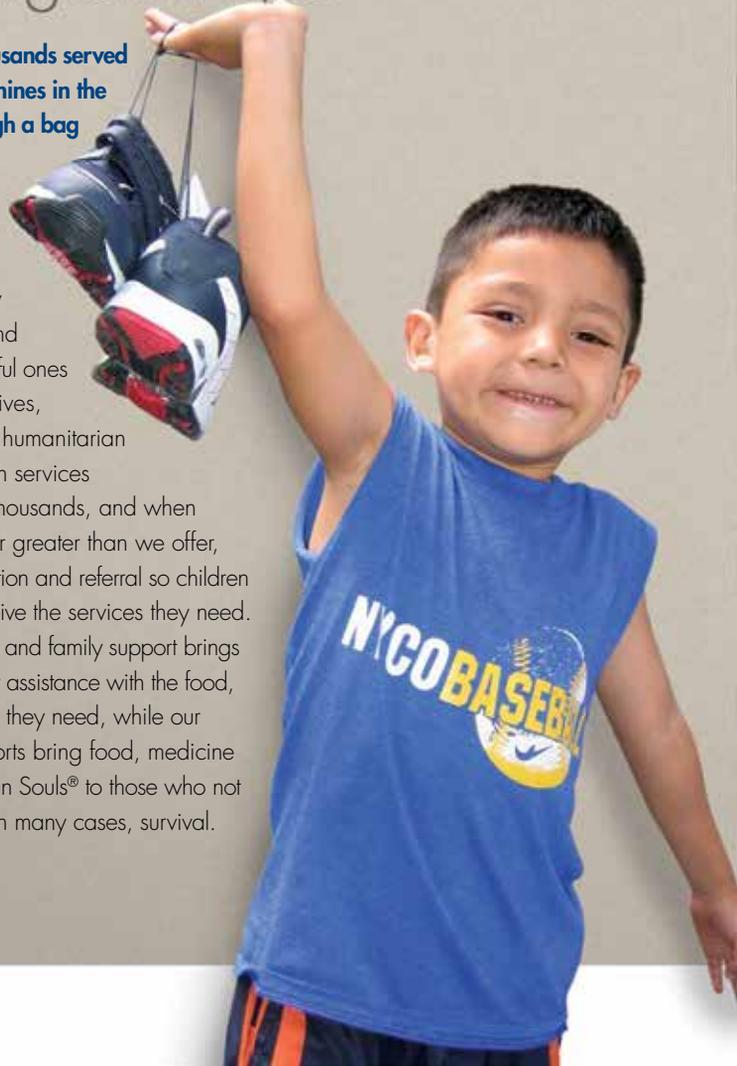
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Touch.

Short-term help that
gives long-term hope.

For hundreds of thousands served by Buckner, hopes shines in the touch brought through a bag of groceries, or a pair of new shoes the skilled touch of a doctor's hand.

We touch lives every day in small ways and larger, more meaningful ones through health initiatives, client assistance and humanitarian aid. Our direct health services provide healing for thousands, and when needs are different or greater than we offer, we provide coordination and referral so children and families can receive the services they need. Our client assistance and family support brings those living in poverty assistance with the food, clothing and services they need, while our humanitarian aid efforts bring food, medicine and Shoes for Orphan Souls® to those who not only need help, but in many cases, survival.



LIVES TOUCHED:

Health

Health Services and Coordination Referral.....	73,117
Medical Services	3,527
Dental Services	3,227
Preventative Health Education	8,608

Aid and Support

Community Support	45,193
Family Aid	184,389

Shoes for Orphan Souls®

Shoes Distributed.....	172,287
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► Brenda Villarreal and her son, Jonathon, examine groceries brought to her by the Buckner crisis relief program. Aid and support programs provided help for 229,582 lives in 2012.



Our
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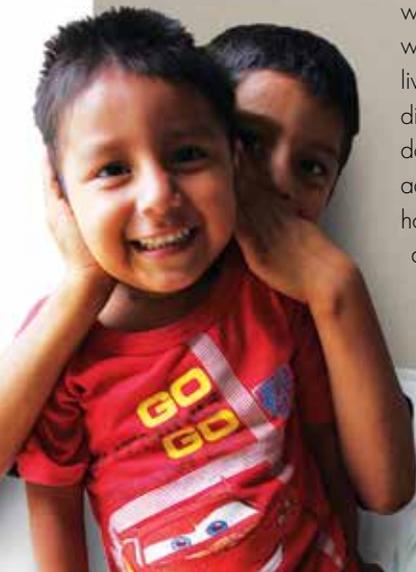
Impact.

Personal empowerment,
community change.

Sometimes one act of hope given at a critical time changes everything.

It's why we offer such a broad range of life-impacting empowerment and community programs. We seek to change lives by connecting with people when – and where – they need it. By offering empowerment initiatives such as educational, vocational and transitional services, we can turn families experiencing the social and economic hardships of extreme poverty into families with a strong future full of hope. But we also empower senior adults to live with independence, health and dignity, whether it's through the freedom of independent living or the additional help of assisted living, home health care and personal assistance services. Senior adults

value their independence and an active lifestyle. And so does Buckner. Our Buckner senior living communities are committed to the ideal that each senior adult deserves a lifestyle that is full, meaningful and beautiful. Our community ministries are just as varied and focus just as much on life-impacting change. Our adoption services insure adopted children and their parents have the support they need to grow. Our family intervention, youth and child care, and family life education emphases give children and families the tools they need to experience healthy relationships. Camp Buckner, our retreat and conference ministry, provides many churches, organizations and families a place to worship, grow and play in a relaxing environment.



► Buckner senior living promotes an active senior lifestyle through innovative wellness programs and a myriad of activities.



LIVES IMPACTED:

Empowerment

- Educational Programs 4,905
- Vocational Programs 8,408
- Transitional Services..... 727
- Micro Programs 5,503

Senior Living

- Independent Living 1,183
- Senior Assisted Living..... 204

- Senior Home Health 99
- Senior Personal Assistance Services 87

Community

- Adoption Support Services... 2,789
- Family Intervention 21,933
- Youth and Child Care 3,614
- Family Life Education..... 28,446
- Retreats and Conferences..... 12,083



Our
ministries



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Transform.

Our deepest services to
those most in need.

When responding to a world in need of hope, Buckner knows that some families need deeper levels of response, services that provide transformational change. Through international and domestic adoption, we find families for children who have no one, transforming each child from an orphan to a son or daughter. Our foster families and residential programs encourage similar change for a week or years, providing children a loving home and people they can call parents. And our family and transitional care ministries help strengthen children as they transition from care to independence and preserve families by providing them a place of safety and access to education. Our hospice ministries offer a level of transformation by helping patients of all ages with life-limiting

illnesses live out their remaining days with purpose, dignity, grace and support. Through skilled nursing services, we transform the lives of residents daily by offering professional medical and rehabilitative services. And through a comprehensive memory care program, we provide specialized care and therapeutic programs to elderly residents who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. When we transform lives, we seek to make it a lifelong, lasting change.



LIVES TRANSFORMED:

Family Programs

Adoption	167
Foster Care	3,242
Residential Care.....	412
Family and Transitional Care ...	458

Senior and Hospice Care

Buckner Hospice.....	257
Senior Skilled Nursing.....	815
Memory Care	240

▶ Foster parents like Locke and Kara Curfman of Longview, Texas have helped transform childrens' lives by meeting their deepest need for love and family.



Our
ministries



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Engage.

Engaging need,
volunteering support

There are thousands of people who seek to change the world by engaging with Buckner each year as volunteers and partners personally serving children, families and elders, collecting food, medicine or aid, or going on mission trips to help those far away.

For volunteers, serving might mean tutoring a child in need of educational support; distributing clothing through client assistance or working at a special event to raise support for Buckner ministries. Individuals, churches and organizations often connect with each other to collect the items desperately needed by children and families in the United States and in other countries. And others will volunteer to take a mission trip to another part of the world that will change the lives of children - and change their own in the process.



LIVES ENGAGED:

Missions Participants

International 758

Domestic 1,514

Volunteers

International.....2,803

Aid and Support Programs..1,677

Community Programs 434

Empowerment Programs 149

Family Programs..... 139

Health Programs 404

Domestic Total..... 11,084

Aid and Support Programs..7,497

Community Programs1,021

Empowerment Programs 187

Family Programs..... 2,080

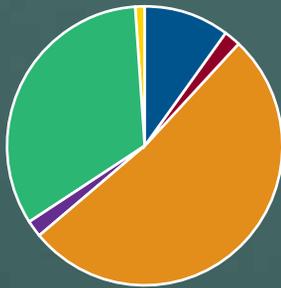
Health Programs 299

► Missions volunteers travel globally and domestically to transform lives in hands-on ways.



Financial Information

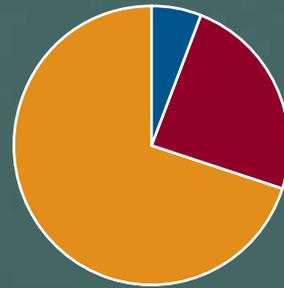
Buckner International Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2012



Assets

- Cash and Investments 10% - \$45,070,000
- Receivables, Prepaids, Inventories 2% - \$7,372,000
- Interest in Net Assets of Related Foundation 52% - \$229,754,000
- Revenue Bond Proceeds Held by Trustee 2% - \$9,706,000
- Facilities Property and Equipment - Net 33% - \$148,824,000
- Real Estate and Other 1% - \$4,629,000

Total \$445,355,000



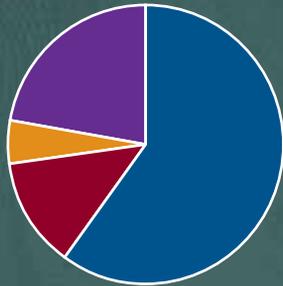
Liabilities and Net Assets

- Other Liabilities 6% - \$27,719,000
- Notes and Revenue Bonds Payable 24% - \$108,244,000
- Net Assets 70% - \$309,392,000

Total \$445,355,000

Audit Reports. Weaver LLP audits the financial statements for Buckner International and Subsidiaries. Audit reports are available upon request.

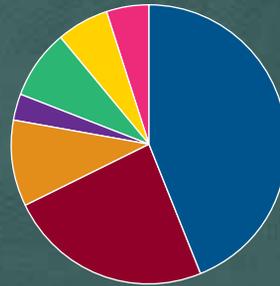
Buckner International and Subsidiaries Statement of Activities December 31, 2012



Revenue

- Client Support and Related Income 60% - \$75,268,000
- Distributions from Related Foundation 13% - \$16,570,000
- Investment Income, Other 5% - \$5,562,000
- Contributions and Bequests 22% - \$27,341,000

Total \$124,741,000



Expenses

- Salaries and Benefits 44% - \$55,492,000
- Supplies and Direct Expenses 24% - \$30,665,000
- Facility Related Expenses 10% - \$12,297,000
- Travel and Transportation 3% - \$4,204,000
- Administration 8% - \$10,282,000
- Depreciation 6% - \$7,171,000
- Interest 5% - \$5,265,000

Total \$125,376,000

NOTE: The statement of activities reflects \$38,740,000 of non-operating items including net realized and unrealized gains on investments and change in net assets of related foundation. These items are not included in numbers above reflected in revenue.

Transformational Giving

Buckner works with people compelled by faith to bring Christ-centered, redemptive ministry to the most vulnerable, from the beginning to the ending of life. If you are searching for your vision for a meaningful way to give, we offer a world of opportunity to you. Through Buckner Foundation, we intentionally cultivate and manage relationships with current and prospective donors to secure and manage gifts that will support the restorative, healing and life enhancement ministries of Buckner International. We also work creatively and aggressively to tell the story of Buckner in order to achieve greater awareness of our mission.

If you want to be a part of the transformative work of Buckner by supporting our initiatives in 18 countries, including the United States, consider giving. To find ways you can help, contact us at:

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Our
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